

# GIBSON SEEKS 'STRICT PROOF' IN WIFE'S SUIT

Clubman and Playwright Files  
Complete Answer to Action  
for Absolute Divorce.

DEMANDS SPECIFIC EVIDENCE

No Reference Made in Reply to  
Disposition of Minor Children  
of Society Couple.

A demand that "strict proof" be furnished on many of the allegations in the suit for divorce filed by Grace McMillan Gibson from her husband, William Preston Johnson Gibson, clubman, playwright, and newspaperman, is contained in the answer to the petition filed in the District Supreme Court today by Attorney Wilton J. Lambert, counsel for Mr. Gibson.

The answer admits the veracity of first three paragraphs and the final paragraph of the divorce petition filed by Mrs. Gibson on May 18. These admissions concern the age of the plaintiff, the fact of their marriage at 1114 Vermont avenue northwest, February 23, 1909, and the assertion that Mrs. Gibson has been "a true and faithful wife to the defendant."

Issue is taken by the defendant on allegations that he has committed wrongful acts in Baltimore and New York, and that he has refused to reform when urged by the plaintiff.

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## DISTRICT DEMOCRATS "DEPLORE" ACTION

Rebuke for Secretary Bryan in  
Resolutions Passed by Executive Session.

Indications that the resignation of Secretary of State Bryan may become a political issue within his own party are observed today as a result of a resolution adopted by forty-four District Democrats who met in executive session at the 8th day of June.

The meeting had been called to bring together the leaders of the warring Democratic factions in the District, which have been at loggerheads for several years, but there was no debate or discussion of the resolution.

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## COMMENT OF PRESS ON BRYAN'S ACTION

Views of Country's Newspapers  
on Resignation of Commoner  
From the Cabinet.

(Continued from First Page.)

Cabinet will, we feel sure, be received with profound satisfaction by most Americans.

Philadelphia Inquirer.  
Doubtless the new note pins the German government down to a single point, which is the safety of American citizens traveling on merchant ships.

"Will you take steps to prevent a recurrence of what has already taken place?" That is the main question to be asked.

If Mr. Bryan cannot answer such a question, he has no right to hold a seat in the Cabinet. The shadow of a non-progressive, if not a baneful influence, has passed from the White House.

Boston Herald.  
Mr. Bryan has made the President's course vastly more difficult. He has made his country's position in the negotiations vastly weaker.

Nothing in Mr. Bryan's tenure of the office of Secretary of State becomes him like the leaving of it. In a crisis like this Mr. Bryan's pathetic inadequacy is only too apparent.

Portland Oregonian.  
Mr. Wilson may have lost the Bryan strength, but he has won immeasurably greater strength among the vast body of Americans which value the national honor and the national safety above all else.

Pittsburgh Gazette Times.  
The resignation of William Jennings Bryan as Secretary of State is a good thing. It is a great relief to the people of the United States and President Wilson.

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## "No War While I Am Secretary," Bryan Said

In a speech on May 12, 1913, to visiting British, Canadian, and Australian delegates on the treaty of Ghent celebration, Mr. Bryan told the diners that there would be no war while he was Secretary of State, and that he would never have accepted the portfolio of the premiership if he had thought for one moment that there would be war during his incumbency of the office.

In his speech Mr. Bryan said: "I made up my mind before I accepted the offer of the Secretaryship of State that I would not take the office if I thought there was to be a war during my tenure."

"When I said this I am confident that I shall have no cause to change my view, for we know no cause today that cannot be settled better by reason than by war."

"I believe there will be no war while I am Secretary of State, and I believe there will be no war so long as I live. I hope we have seen the last great war."

lying, that serious differences existed in the Cabinet, the full significance of Mr. Bryan's resignation can only be surmised.

Unless Mr. Bryan is hopelessly wrong, it must be supposed that the Cabinet has seen more than has been revealed of a disposition to do nothing with Great Britain and heavily with Germany.

The President, it has long been suspected, has taken Mr. Bryan's measure, and doubtless will be much relieved at this sudden release from an always awkward situation.

Albany Knickerbocker Press.  
Mr. Bryan resigns, according to his letter, because he cannot follow the President without violating what he deems an obligation to the country. He is somewhat unfortunate in the use of his language. He probably feels no greater obligation to this country than does the President, and his office places him under no greater obligations to the country than does the office of President.

St. Louis Republic.  
The American people will not fail to give Mr. Bryan full credit for his sincerity, his patriotism, his good spirit, but in the issue now joined the country is with the President. In his voice speaks the law of nature, the law of the land embodied in his first note on the Lusitania affair must be sustained if civilization is to be a reality instead of a name.

Cleveland Plain Dealer.  
The action of Mr. Bryan in resigning as Secretary of State is without doubt the best solution of an embarrassing situation. The country has confidence in the wisdom of President Wilson. A tense diplomatic situation has so far been handled and it is a matter of common knowledge that on many points Mr. Bryan has consistently opposed the position of the President.

The Buffalo Courier.  
At a time like this all Americans, men of all parties, should put behind them the temptation to mix up domestic politics with foreign relations. And why should a disagreement between a President and his Secretary of State be a question of mere method in dealing with a foreign country with the view to use Mr. Bryan's words, "reaching a peaceful solution of problems," be regarded as a reason why the people should hesitate for a moment to support their President in the time of the patriotic course to pursue a stand by the national spokesman.

The New York Sun.  
What political designs are behind Mr. Bryan's conduct of want of conduct may be guessed. He may become the head of the passionate aliens among the German Americans whose country is across the water. The tents of Chateauguay are already flapping in the wind. A career of illiterate rhetoric and Cave of Adulphian promises, be regarded as a reason why the people should hesitate for a moment to support their President in the time of the patriotic course to pursue a stand by the national spokesman.

New York American.  
The nation may well hope that the break-up of the Wilson Cabinet may be the only serious result of the stubborn determination of the President to force upon Germany unreasonable and impossible conditions of warfare. But if the note approved by the Cabinet yesterday is indeed of such a character as to justify Mr. Bryan's revolt it is to be feared that the United States is opening a new and undesirable chapter in its history.

Kennebec Journal.  
It has become impossible for a man of Mr. Bryan's ability and love of the limelight to remain longer wholly obscure in this national crisis.

St. Paul Pioneer Press.  
To close observers of Administration affairs the retirement of the Secretary of State was merely a matter of time. Bryan is conceding a strong character—could not continue in disagreement in an official family, and the inevitable occurred. The stronger character survives.

Indianapolis Star.  
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Portland (Ore.) Journal.  
Mr. Bryan is great in his retirement. He parted with his Chief on a supreme issue. Of even greater status is Woodrow Wilson. His is the responsibility and his must be the ultimate choice in charting the difficult course of the country. Mr. Bryan's retirement will not shake the confidence of the country in President Wilson.

Phoenix Republican.  
For what, if any, department of statecraft Mr. Bryan is fitted no one can say, but he quickly demonstrated that he was entirely unfitted to be at the head of foreign affairs.

New York Tribune.  
In forcing an issue with Mr. Bryan

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